

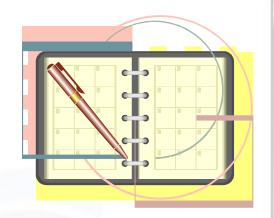
## VIRGINIA TELECOMMUNICATION INITIATIVE

How to Apply Webinar November 7, 2016



#### **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- VATI Program Overview
- VATI Proposal Components
- Centralized Application and Management System (CAMS)
- Submission Requirements
- Questions and Answers





#### **Program Description**

Provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector providers to extend services to areas that are presently unserved by any broadband provider.

#### **Funding**

\$1 million per year for two years (total \$2 million)



## Eligible Applicants

- Units of local government (Towns, Cities, Counties, EDA/IDA, Broadband/Wireless Authorities, Planning District Commissions, etc.)
- Must have private sector provider as a co-applicant.



#### **Proposal Components**

- ❖ Project Area
- Demonstrate Need
- Project Description
- Project Timeline
- Project Financing and Budget



#### Definition of unserved areas

Speed ≤10Mbps/1Mbps



## Eligible Area

- Area must meet <u>unserved</u> criteria
- Area Not designated to receive funds for construction through the federal Connect America Funding
- Area <u>Not</u> receiving state or federal funds for construction (at application)



## **Project Area**

- Description of the proposed geographic area including specific boundaries of the project area e.g.; street names, local and regional boundaries, etc.
- Why and how the project area(s) was selected?
- Provide map(s)



#### **Project Need**

- Must demonstrate the need for the project.
- Provide detailed information on available internet speeds and providers.



## Virginia Connect America Funding

#### **Century Link**

- ❖80,000 eligible living units in service area.
- ❖Funded for 50,000\* living units over (5) years.
- Committed to complete 40% by end of 2017.

<sup>\*</sup>Per Century Link not all locations have been determined



### **Project Description**

- Technology
- Minimum implementation speeds

#### 10Mbps/3Mbps

Note: Projects that propose speeds exceeding the proposed benchmark will be prioritized



#### **Project Timeline**

Detailed project timeline or construction schedule, which identifies specific tasks, staff, contractor responsible(s), and collect of data, etc., and estimated start and completion dates.



### **Project Financing**

- Must leverage private and public resources.
- ❖DHCD funding <u>may not</u> exceed eightypercent (80%) of total project cost.
- Rating Factor: Level of public/private investment



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- DHCD conducts How to Apply webinar
- DHCD releases the Request for Proposals (RFP)

11/16

Application Deadline (Thursday, December 15, 2016)

12/16

DHCD reviews and score applications

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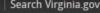
- Governor's Award Announcement (Tentative)
- DHCD conducts contract negotiations and award contracts (Tentative)

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Close out of Year 1 projects (Deadline June 20, 2017)

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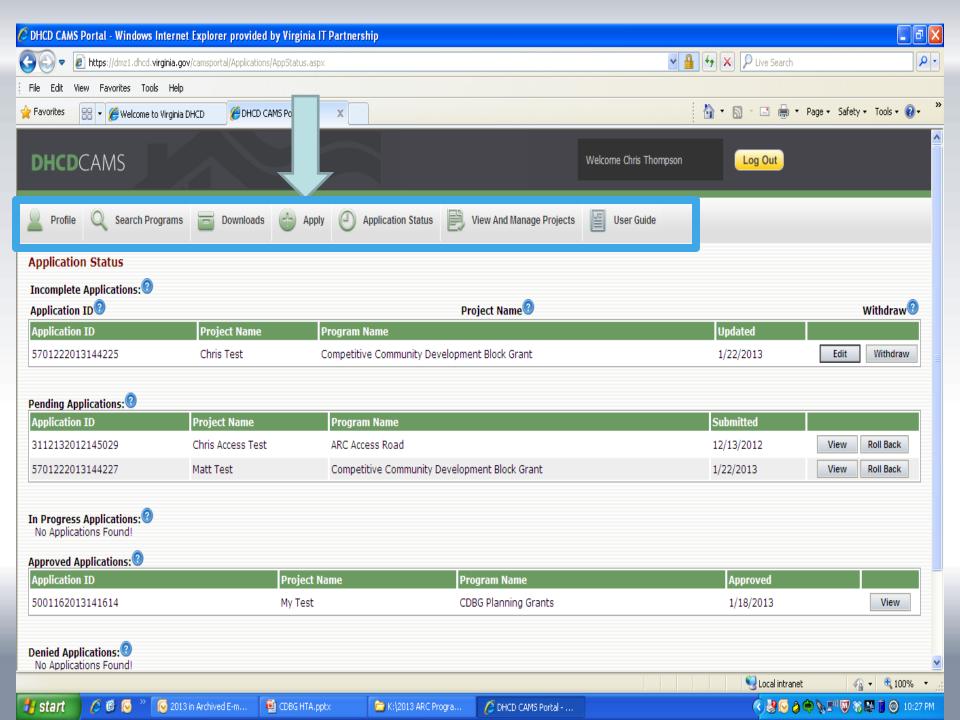


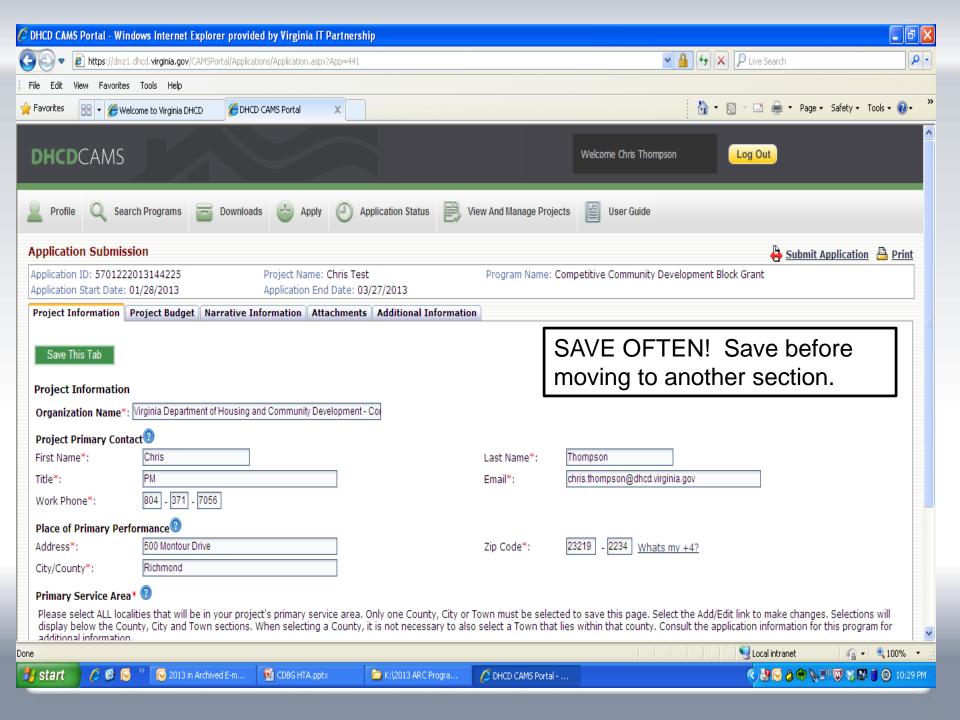


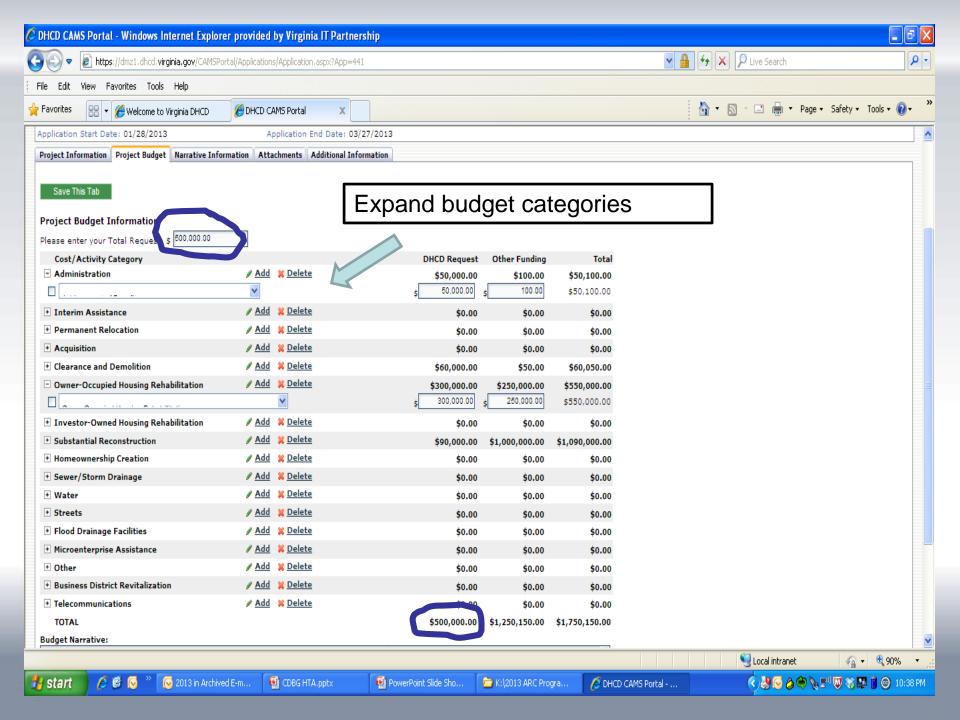


#### Preparing your proposal in CAMS

- Create a Profile now.
- Locality must submit.
- Do not share your password / login.
- Assign staff to roles for assistance as needed.
- Internet Explorer or Chrome are the recommended browsers.
- Save often. Use Save this Tab before moving to another section









#### Submission Requirements

- Submit to DHCD by 5:00 pm on December 15, 2016
- Must use CAMS
- Include documents such as PAR, PER, surveys, inspections, and supporting documents in ATTACHMENTS.